TOW Fire and Forget (F&F)



MISSION

Provide the next generation missile for light, early entry contingency forces equipped with the TOW Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS) platforms; defeat threat tanks and armored vehicles equipped with advanced armors and active protective systems at close ranges with minimal U.S. Soldier exposure time.

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The TOW Fire and Forget (F&F) missile system is comprised of an encased TOW F&F missile, the shipping and storage container, the ITAS platform applique kits, and upgrades to associated training devices. Key performance parameters, which are not subject to cost as an independent variable tradeoffs, include the following:

- Fire and forget mode of operation with an alternate command guidance mode as backup;
- · Increased range, lethality, platform survivability;
- Counter-active protection systems threat; and
- Compatibility with TOW ITAS ground platforms.

Future technology insertion and shelf life extension efforts will be accommodated by the TOW F&F modular design and by the transition of applicable technologies from ongoing technology base programs.

FOREIGN COUNTERPART

Euro Missile: TRIGAT.

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

None

PROGRAM STATUS

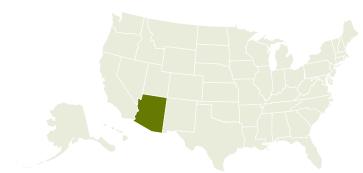
- 4QFY99 TOW F&F operational requirements document approved.
- 3QFY00 PEO for tactical missiles, designated Milestone Decision Authority for TOW F&F; Entry into engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) approved at the Milestone II review.
- September 15, 2000 The TOW F&F EMD contract awarded to Raytheon.
- September 27, 2000 Contract kick-off meeting.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- 1QFY01 Integrated baseline review; Systems requirements review.
- 4QFY01 Preliminary design review.
- 2QFY02 Critical design review.

PRIME CONTRACTORS

Raytheon (Tucson, AZ)



* See appendix for list of subcontractors

